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DAVIS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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Dedication Set For New Hospital



The long awaited date is finally here and comes several months ahead of schedule. Our new hospital will be formally dedicated on March 10, 1984, at a gala event.

Dr. Sarah Morrow, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources, will give the dedication address along with remarks from HCA official, David Williamson, Jr., Executive Vice President for Domestic Development. Other dignitaries will be present and recognized. A ribbon cutting, tour and reception for the public will follow the ceremonies.

Davis Community Hospital will now have the most modern healthcare facility in the area. Employees and their families, along with friends, are encouraged to attend the dedication celebration on March 10, 1984, at 1:00 p.m.

Doctor Stewart Retires

After thirty-two years at Davis Community Hospital, Dr. J. Reagan Stewart has decided to take life a little easier. Dr. Stewart came to Statesville in 1951 at the request of Dr. Davis to practice eye, ear, nose and throat medicine. He immediately became a favorite of his patients, staff, student nurses, and fellow physicians; an affection he graciously returned. Dr. Stewart was honored by the hospital with a reception on January 3, 1984.

Dr. Stewart came to Statesville from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He said, "I've been very happy in Statesville, and have enjoyed the friendships I have developed over the years." He graduated from Vanderbilt, then received his doctorate in medicine from Tulane Medical School. He served his internship at Charity Hospital in Louisiana and studied his specialty at Temple University. Dr. Stewart and his wife, Leona, plan to travel. We certainly hope he doesn't travel far, and that he will return to visit us, because we shall certainly miss his winning personality around Davis Community Hospital.



Steve Blaine, Administrator (left), presents gift to Doctor and Mrs. Stafford Wearn.



Dr. Stafford Wearn was surprised by the Emergency Department staff with a covered dish luncheon on January 12, 1984. Pictured left to right are Shirley Weaver, RN, Dr. Wearn, Lynn Phelps, RN, and Linda Julian, RN.



Doctor and Mrs. Reagan Stewart admire clock presented to Doctor Stewart upon his retirement.

F. Stafford Wearn, M.D., Honored

Dr. Stafford Wearn, M.D., completed seven years as Director of Emergency Services at Davis Community Hospital on Friday, January 13, 1984. He and his wife, Margaret, were honored at a reception given by hospital administration and employees on Tuesday, January 17, 1984.

A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. Wearn completed his high school education in the Charlotte Public Schools and graduated with a B.S. degree from Harvard Medical School and completed his internship and Residency with several hospitals in the state of New York.

Dr. Wearn entered private practice as a surgeon in New York in the late 1930's. He was affiliated with St. Luke's Hospital Center for forty years, and advanced to Attending Surgeon and was named Consulting Surgeon in 1972. He also served as Director of Medical Services for Isabella Geriatric Center in New York from 1967 until 1976, at which time he accepted the position at Davis Hospital.

He is certified by the American Board of Surgery, and holds a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. He is licensed by the National Board of Medical Examiners, New York State and the State of North Carolina. In addition to holding numerous memberships in medical organizations in the state of New York, Dr. Wearn is a member of the American Medical Association, North Carolina Medical Society, and the Iredell County Medical Society. The hospital and especially the Emergency Department will miss the quiet competence Dr. Wearn has brought to the area of Emergency Medicine, and we wish him well in retirement.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Some time ago, I read about a sales manager whose company was lagging badly in sales. He called his salesmen together and asked each man to express his opinion about the situation. Each spoke with feeling about the difficulties and problems with making sales. The manager put before them a large piece of white cardboard. He asked each man what he saw and each said that he saw a piece of white cardboard.

The manager took a pencil and put a black dot in the center of the board and then asked each what he saw. Each replied that he saw a black dot.

"That is your trouble," he explained. "The moment one black dot appears you fix your attention on that and fail to see all the clean white space. So, in your work, you concentrate on a few difficulties and fail to see all the possibilities.

Often our attention is focused on our problems and we fail to see the possibilities before us. Perhaps it is easier to fret and worry than to think creatively about the solution. God has given to each of us remarkable abilities, talents and intelligence and He wants us to use these for our good and for the good of the world. He has also told us that we need His guidance and help as we make our choices and decisions.

Do you have obstacles confronting you? First, ask God for His guidance and direction and then use the wisdom and gifts He gives. Tremendous possibilities are before you. Use the obstacle as a stepping stone to higher vistas.

Medical Terminology Series Held

A program series entitled *Medical Terminology*, sponsored by the hospital Staff Development Department, was recently completed with six members of the Business Office staff attending.

The series included the use of thirty-minute filmstrips and was conducted each Tuesday and Thursday for approximately twelve weeks. A total of 300 word elements were presented with an expected retention rate of 96%.

The program would not have been successful without the support of Mr. Robert Boyd, Business Office Manager.



Seated are: (L to R) Nellie Grant, Carolyn Byers, and Marty Johnson. Standing are: (L to R) Jonell Lewis, Angie Beaver, and Debbie Dillard.

New Director of Emergency Medical Services Appointed

Davis Community Hospital announces the appointment of Dr. Kirk Dickie, a native of Murfreesboro, North Carolina, as the Director of its Emergency Medical Services.

Dr. Dickie received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Yale University and his Medical Degree from the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond. After serving an internship at East Carolina University School of Medicine in Greenville, North Carolina, he entered the emergency medicine residency at Charlotte Memorial Hospital and completed that program in June, 1983.

Dr. Dickie has an extensive history of emergency medical practice which involved more than 15,000 contacts with medical and surgical patients in an emergency environment. He also was a research assistant with the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He is a member in good standing of the American Medical Association and the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is married to Alice Bishopric, M.D., an obstetrician-gynecologist, presently practicing in Hickory, North Carolina. Dr. Dickie and his wife plan to make their home on Lake Norman.

Steven Blaine, Administrator, stated that both the hospital and the community are fortunate in having a physician of Dr. Dickie's qualifications responsible for its Emergency Medical Services. Dr. Dickie assumed his responsibilities at Davis Community Hospital on Monday, January 16, and we certainly extend a warm welcome to him.



Kirk Dickie, M.D.



Lisa G. Combs

Assistant Controller Named

Lisa G. Combs was named Assistant Controller and officially assumed her new duties on February 1, 1984. Lisa comes to Davis Community Hospital from the Internal Audit Department of HCA's Corporate Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Lisa received her B.S. Degree in Accounting from David Lipscomb College in 1980. She continued her education at Tennessee Technological University and earned a M.B.A. in Business Administration in December 1981.

Combs will be responsible for general ledger accounting, accounts payable, payroll, and the data processing functions at our hospital. We are very fortunate to have someone with Lisa's education, background, and experience responsible for these areas in financial management.

Eva Privette, RN, Retires

Eva Privette was recently honored by Nursing Administration at a reception recognizing her years of service at Davis Community Hospital. A 1939 graduate of our School of Nursing, Privette worked as a staff nurse seven years at Rowan Memorial Hospital. Following the birth of her children, she came to work at Davis as assistant supervisor. In 1972 when the new CCU unit was opened, Eva became charge nurse on the night shift.

The Nursing Staff will always remember the professional attitude she displayed in caring for her patients, not to mention her dependability. Her willingness to learn and share information has been evident by her insight in keeping abreast of new theories and methods related to her work.

Mrs. Hauser, Director of Nursing, presented her with a plaque on behalf of the Administration in recognition of her thirty-one years of service to the hospital.



Martha Hauser, RN, Director of Nursing, presents plaque to Eva Privette, RN.

Scoops

JONELL LEWIS, Patient Representative, became a first time grandmother on January 19, 1984 with the arrival of grandson Joshua Allan Lewis. We are happy to report that "Grandmom" and family are doing well.

REBECCA PETTI, RN, Critical Care Coordinator, and husband, Al, are the proud parents of a daughter, Tara Justine, born January 27, 1984.

SHERI AKIN, RN, and Sam Stout, M.D., were married on January 21, 1984, and honeymooned in Hawaii.

BOBBY HONEYCUTT, M.T., and wife, Teresa, celebrated the birth of a baby girl, Margaret Ruth, on January 5, 1984.

JAN ALEXANDER, RN, Employee Health Nurse, and Edwin Fulghum, M.D., were married on January 26, 1984.

A Tribute To MILDRED WRIGHT Registered Nurse

"A Person Who Was A Joy To Know"

A person who knew how to brighten a day.
With her heart-warming smile
And with kind words she'd say.
A person who knew how to gently impart
The comfort it takes
To cheer somebody's heart.
A person who knew how to always come through
When there's anything
She could possibly do.
A person who knew how to willingly share.
Who knew how to give
And who knew how to care
Who knew how to let all her warm feelings show...
Is the person that others felt lucky to know.

Submitted by the
2C Nursing Staff

March Is National Nutrition Month

The Dietary Department will be celebrating National Nutrition Month in March. Tuesday, March 6, a contest will be held for employees to guess the caloric value of four common fast food meals. Ballots will be given out during lunch in the cafeteria. One special "good for you" prize will be awarded to the person guessing the closest actual caloric value of each meal.

Libby Blackwelder, Dietitian, and Lorraine Grant, Nutritionist, will be presenting radio spots with tips on good nutrition and have planned a feature article in the local newspaper during the month of March. Watch for them and take a hint!

Reaching Out



Of all the communications we perform in the hospital business, interpersonal communications are perhaps the most important. Indeed, our care for patients is perhaps the highest and most intensive form of such communication.

For that reason it's important that we deal with our patients, ourselves and each other in the best way we can. Donald Reynolds of the Kansas Library System offers these suggestions for us to consider in our interpersonal relationships and communication.

- ✓ **Control your own life.** Don't be constantly reacting; this keeps your mind in neutral instead of drive. Silence is indeed assent; speak up for those things you believe in.
- ✓ **To find answers and get information, ask questions.** If you don't know why something is happening, ask instead of grumbling that "nobody ever tells me anything."
- ✓ **Clear up gripes as soon as possible.** If you disagree with something that is going on, share your feelings with the person responsible to see if a change can be made. If it can't be changed, see if you can change your attitude toward the problem.
- ✓ **Don't Monday morning quarterback.** Pointing out other's errors and explaining what might have been done will alienate many responsible for the error. Unless your ideas will help solve the problem now or prevent future problems, forget making the comments.
- ✓ **Forget the past.** The rest of your life will be in the future. Don't waste time on things you can't change.
- ✓ **Say what you mean and listen to others.** Is what you say what you want others to hear and repeat? Choose words carefully and listen to others for nuances they may be trying to convey.

With a little bit of thought, a little bit of effort and a little bit more caring, life around our hospital can be even better!

530 N. E. 20th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
January 29, 1984

Director of Nursing
Davis Hospital
Statesville, North Carolina

Dear Madam:

My father, Laurence S. Eddy, was in your hospital in the Critical Care Unit in the early part of December, 1983. He was later transferred to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem where he passed away. Apparently, he had had cancer for some time, but he lapsed into a coma and never knew he had the disease.

However, the reason for my writing is to thank you and your nurses for kindness you showed me. I called at least twice a day every day he was in the hospital. Each and every time I called, I was treated with the utmost courtesy and was kept up on my father's condition as well as any procedures being used.

Since I live in Florida and could not make the trip to see my father, I cannot express how much it meant to me to have so much compassion and interest shown me when I know how busy the nurses must have been.

Again, please thank your CCU nurses for me and my family. Your nurses have touched our lives and we will be eternally grateful.

Sincerely,

Judith C. Cash

Our special thanks to Mr. Loren Powell member of the DCH Board of Trustees, who created the pen and ink drawing shown on the front page of this month's newsletter

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Special thanks to the Cool Springs Volunteer Fire Department for washing parking areas at the new hospital to enable us to line parking spaces